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- 25X1 1. Two plants exist at Balakovo for the repair of all kinds of Volga riverboats. One is known as the "OKH" Plant and the other as the South Repair Plant.
- 25X1 2. Repair work on engines and other equipment of Volga steamships was performed at one plant.** The machine tools originated from Germany. There is a work force of 1,000 Soviets.
- 25X1 3. [redacted] one plant*** is an old establishment, but at the time of observation was equipped with a large number of new German machines. The main workshops are said to be approximately 400 feet long and 50 to 100 feet wide. A wall surrounds the plant, and it is under military guard.
- 25X1 4. [redacted] there was a plant designated "OKS"*. Diesel and petroleum ship engines of various sizes were produced there. Power is supplied by a plant-owned power station fueled with coal and oil slate. Since the plant has no spur tracks, incoming and outgoing shipments were trucked.
- 25X1 5. The work force, including PWs, is from 4,000 to 5,000 men. They work in three shifts of eight hours each.
- 25X1 6. [redacted] Dzerzhinski Plant. It covers an area of allegedly 650 x 1,000 feet. [redacted]
- 25X1 1. Workshop No. 1: Assembly shop. Production of cylinder blocks (large size), crankshafts, nozzles. The test stand for diesel engines is attached to this workshop.
- 25X1 2. Workshop No. 2: Department for instruments. Manufacturing of tools for plant requirements.
- 25X1 3. Workshop No. 3: Foundry, a steel structure building. It is equipped with three coal firing furnaces, one large traveling crane which weighs 30 tons, and one small traveling crane.

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4. Workshop No. 4: Mechanical department. Its equipment includes milling machines. Pistons and piston heads are manufactured here.
5. Engine test stand.
6. Workshop No. 6: Department for instruments. Manufacturing tools.
7. Spare parts for diesel engines, cylinder blocks, bushings, nozzles, piston rings, and crankshafts are produced at this plant.
8. Two hundred PWs and 400 to 500 Soviets are employed for each shift. They work in three shifts without holidays.****

25X1 [] Comment. There is a possibility that the initials "OKS" in paragraph 4 and "OKH" in paragraph 1 refer to the same plant. "OKH" may be way of saying that the plant is under military control.

25X1 [] Comment. The plant mentioned in paragraph 2 seems to be the ship repair plant.

25X1 [] Comment. The plant referred to in paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 presumably is the diesel engine plant.

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